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# ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

## Status of documentation for the session

## Note by the Secretariat

1. By Economic and Social Council resolutions 1979/1 and 1979/69 on the control and limitation of documentation and 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the Council reiterated that the Secretariat should circulate the relevant documentation in all the working languages six weeks before the opening of the sessions of the Council and its subsidiary organs, and invited the Secretariat to take steps to ensure effective compliance with rule 13, paragraph 4, of the rules of procedure of the Council. By resolution 1979/69, the Council requested the Secretariat to inform the Council and its subsidiary bodies, in the relevant annotated agenda, which documents had not been issued in accordance with the six-week rule, with a full explanation of the reasons that prevented their circulation.

2. In view of the schedule of the seventeenth session of the Commission on Transnational Corporations (10-19 April 1991), the documentation for the session should have been submitted to the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services by 23 January 1991 and circulated by 27 February 1991. The documents not circulated by that date are listed in the annex below.

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STATUS OF DOCUMENTATION AS AT 25 MARCH 1991

| Agenda item | Document and symbol | Date of submission to the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services | Date of submission to the Department of Conference Services | Actual or projected date of issue a/ |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work | | | |
| | Note by the Secretariat on the question of expert advisers (E/C.10/1991/16) | 8 March 1991 | 19 March 1991 | 10 April 1991 |
| 3 | Recent developments related to transnational corporations and international economic relations | | | |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on the triad in foreign direct investment (E/C.10/1991/2) | 23 January 1991 | 18 March 1991 | 5 April 1991 |
| 4 | Transnational corporations and issues relating to the environment, including the contribution of the Commission and the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations to the work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development | | | |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on the contribution of the Commission and the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations to the work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (E/C.10/1991/3) | 28 February 1991 | 11 March 1991 | 12 April 1991 |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on transnational corporations and issues relating to the environment (E/C.10/1991/3/Add.1) | 23 January 1991 | 4 March 1991 | 2 April 1991 |
| 5 | Role of transnational corporations in services, including transnational banks | | | |
| | (a) Role of transnational banks | | | |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on transnational banks and the external indebtedness of developing countries (E/C.10/1991/4) | 22 January 1991 | 12 February 1991 | 26 March 1991 |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on transnational banks and debt-equity conversions (E/C.10/1991/5) | 22 January 1991 | 26 February 1991 | Issued |
| | (b) Role of transnational corporations in other services | | | |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of transnational service corporations on developing countries (E/C.10/1991/6) | 22 January 1991 | 20 February 1991 | Issued |
| 6 | Ongoing and future research | | | |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on the determinants of foreign direct investment and their policy implications (E/C.10/1991/7) | 22 January 1991 | 19 February 1991 | Issued |

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| | Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and the activities of the joint units established with the regional commissions (E/C.10/1991/15 and Corr.1) b/ | 25 January 1991 | 26 February 1991 | 28 March 1991 |
| 7 | Work related to the code of conduct on transnational corporations and other international arrangements and agreements | | | |
| | (a) Progress made in the work on the code of conduct on transnational corporations | | | |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the work on the code of conduct on transnational corporations (E/C.10/1991/8) | 22 January 1991 | 19 February 1991 | Issued |
| | (b) Other international, regional and bilateral arrangements and agreements related to transnational corporations | | | |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on other international, regional and bilateral arrangements and agreements related to transnational corporations (E/C.10/1991/9) | 22 January 1991 | 25 February 1991 | Issued |
| 8 | Transnational corporations in South Africa | | | |
| | Report prepared by the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (E/C.10/1991/10) | 31 January 1991 | 7 March 1991 | 28 March 1991 |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on transnational corporations with interests in South Africa (E/C.10/1991/11) | 11 March 1991 | 22 March 1991 | 11 April 1991 |
| 9 | International standards of accounting and reporting | | | |
| | Report of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (E/C.10/1991/12) | 20 March 1991 | 28 March 1991 | |
| 10 | Strengthening the negotiating capacity of developing countries in their dealings with transnational corporations | | | |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on experience gained in training and the development of human resources (E/C.10/1991/13) | 22 January 1991 | 27 February 1991 | 28 March 1991 |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and the activities of the joint units established with the regional commissions (E/C.10/1991/15 and Corr.1) b/ | | see item 6 above | |
| 11 | Comprehensive information system | | | |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on the comprehensive information system: legal and information services (E/C.10/1991/14) | 23 January 1991 | 24 March 1991 | 12 April 1991 |

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| | Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and the activities of the joint units established with the regional commissions (E/C.10/1991/15 and Corr.1) b/ | | see item 6 above | |
| 12 | Activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations | | | |
| | Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations and the activities of the joint units established with the regional commissions (E/C.10/1991/15 and Corr.1) b/ | | see item 6 above | |

a/ The date of issue can be indicated only for those documents that have reached the Department of Conference Services for processing.

b/ Only in English and Russian.

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# ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

## Organization of the work

## Note by the Secretariat

1. The proposed programme of work for the Commission on Transnational Corporations at its seventeenth session, annexed to the present note, has been prepared pursuant to relevant decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in order to facilitate the consideration of the agenda items within the time and services allocated to the Commission.

2. The first meeting of the Commission will be convened on Wednesday, 10 April 1991, at 10 a.m. Facilities will be available for two formal meetings each day. The meeting hours (Monday to Friday, inclusive) will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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PROPOSED PROGRAMME OF WORK

First week (10-12 April)

Wednesday, 10 April

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| a.m. | | Opening of the session |
| | Item 1 | Election of officers |
| | Item 2 | Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (E/C.10/1991/16, E/C.10/1991/L.1 and L.2) |
| | | Introductory statement by the Executive Director on recent development in the area of foreign direct investment |
| p.m. | Item 3 | Recent developments related to transnational corporations and international economic relations (E/C.10/1991/2) |

Thursday, 11 April

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| a.m. | Item 3 | Conclusion of general discussion |
| p.m. | Item 6 | Ongoing and future research (E/C.10/1991/7, E/C.10/1991/15 and Corr.1) |
| | Item 5 (a) | Role of transnational corporations in services, including transnational banks: role of transnational banks (E/C.10/1991/4 and E/C.10/1991/5) |
| 6 p.m. | | Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 3 |

Friday, 12 April

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| a.m. | Item 5 (a) | Conclusion of general discussion |
| | Item 5 (b) | Role of transnational corporations in services, including transnational banks: role of transnational corporations in other services (E/C.10/1991/6) |

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| p.m. | Item 8 | Transnational corporations in South Africa (E/C.10/1991/10 and E/C.10/1991/11) |
| | Item 11 | Comprehensive information system (E/C.10/1991/14 and E/C.10/1991/15 and Corr.1) |
| 6 p.m. | | Deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 6 |

Second week (15-19 April)

Monday, 15 April

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| a.m. | Item 4 | Transnational corporations and issues relating to the environment, including the contribution of the Commission and the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations to the work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (E/C.10/1991/3 and Add.1) |
| p.m. | Item 4 | Conclusion of general discussion |
| 6 p.m. | | Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 5 and 8 |

Tuesday, 16 April

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| a.m. | Item 7 (a) | Work related to the code of conduct on transnational corporations and other international arrangements and agreements: (a) Progess made in the work on the code of conduct on transnational corporations (E/C.10/1991/8) |
| p.m. | Item 7 (b) | Work related to the code of conduct on transnational corporations and other international arrangements and agreements: other international, regional and bilateral arrangements and agreements related to transnational corporations (E/C.10/1991/9) |
| | Item 9 | International standards of accounting and reporting (E/C.10/1991/12) |

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| 6 p.m. | | Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 4 and 11 |
| Wednesday, 17 April | | |
| a.m. | Item 10 | Strengthening the negotiating capacity of developing countries in their dealings with transnational corporations (E/C.10/1991/13 and E/C.10/1991/15 and Corr.1) |
| 1 p.m. | | Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 7 and 9 |
| p.m. | Item 12 | Activities of the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations (E/C.10/1991/15 and Corr.1) |
| 6 p.m. | | Deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 10 and 12 |
| Thursday, 18 April | | |
| a.m. | Item 13 | Provisional agenda for the eighteenth session of the Commission |
| p.m. | | Consideration of draft proposals |
| Friday, 19 April | | |
| a.m. and p.m. | Item 14 | Adoption of the report of the Commission on its seventeenth session |
| | | Completion of the work of the Commission |

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